

**DISTRICT V ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Minutes**  
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**July 10, 2006**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Auburn Hills Golf Course Clubhouse**  
**443 S. 135<sup>th</sup> West**

Six (6) District Advisory Board Members attended the District V Advisory Board meeting. Also in attendance were five (5) City staff. Approximately 30 members of the public were present with 24 signing the sign-in sheet.

**Members Present**

Bob Bulman  
David Dennis  
Andy Johnson  
Jerry Hoggatt  
John Marker  
DeAnn Sullivan  
Council Member Bob Martz

**Staff Present**

Nichelle Woodrow, Police  
Jim Armour, Public Works  
Gary Janzen, Public Works  
Kelly Carpenter, Finance  
Dana Brown, City Manager's Office

**Members Absent**

Dave Almes  
Maurice Ediger  
Clarke Sandberg  
Ann Welborn

**Guests**

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**Call to Order**

**Council Member Bob Martz** called the meeting to order at 7:11. He welcomed the public and explained that the role of the District Advisory Board as advisory to him as the District V City Council Member. Issues are typically related to District V and citywide items. He explained the protocol for the meeting that would allow all people who wish to speak on an agenda item to wait until the public is given the opportunity during the review of the item. Other items not on the agenda can be addressed on the Public Agenda portion. The public should wait to be acknowledged before speaking as well as refrain from debating or making disrespectful comments or actions while others were speaking.

**Council Member Bob Martz** asked for approval of the minutes for the June 5, 2006 meeting. The minutes were approved as written with a motion by **Dennis (Johnson)**. The motion passed 6:0. No changes to the agenda were presented.

**Staff Reports**

**Community Police Report**

**Officer Nichelle Woodrow, Beat 16**, reported on policing activities for the West Patrol during the past month, including Beats 16, 18, 19, and 199. She said that several JUDGE (juvenile drinking) projects were conducted in May & June. Stings in liquor stores resulted in one arrest. LIDAR & RADAR have been used at several high accident intersections such as Maple & Ridge. Accidents were reduced from May to June. Larcenies were also down in June.

For Beat 19, accidents on 21<sup>st</sup> were down from May with 33 to June with 20. Several residential burglaries were reported but the residences were unlocked at the time. Graffiti has also been reported by residents of Reflection Ridge area with the word "sway." No gang has been identified as associated with the letters.

Beat 18 has had several larcenies in Pawnee Prairie Park. Club Bleu had fewer violations in June.

Beat 16 officers have been educating the hotel manager's along Kellogg about the city ordinance and Lodging Laws of Kansas regarding guest registers being open to police inspection and posting of laws regarding smoking in rooms.

**Marker** asked whether Police were writing tickets for violations of the booster seat law; Officer Woodrow said Police would be writing warnings through 2006.

**Bulman** remarked on the WPD summer uniforms, wondering if notices to the media had been sent. He explained that Police responding to home security alarms might not be recognized as Police until more people are aware of the new uniforms.

**Lupe Orr**, 13608 Highland Springs Ct., asked if Police had to respond to a lot of fireworks complaints this year. **Woodrow** said that the Fire Department was the primary responder but yes, the West Bureau received many calls of complaint.

### **New Business**

#### **135<sup>th</sup> Street West Improvement, between Maple & Central**

**Jim Armour, City Engineer**, introduced the project saying the proposed improvement for the current 2-lane asphalt mat road is included in the 2005-2014 Capital Improvement Program, as adopted by the City Council. He then introduced **Gary Janzen, Design Engineer**. Janzen presented two options for the project: Option A for a five-lane roadway with four through lanes and a continuous two-way center left turn lane, and Option B for a three-lane roadway with four through lanes and landscaped medians at left turn lanes. Left turn lanes are shown to reduce accidents by 40%.

With both options, drainage would be improved, sidewalks would be constructed along both sides of the street, and any available right of way would be landscaped. If warranted at the time of construction, traffic signals would be installed at the intersection of Maple & 135<sup>th</sup> Street. Construction is planned to begin in late 2008 or early 2009.

**Council Member Martz** asked the Board if they had questions for the presenters. **Dennis** asked if the box culvert shown would handle the drainage, citing the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge west of 119<sup>th</sup> Street. **Zach Stone, representing the City's contractor for this project, Schwab-Eaton**, said the box measured 20' x 5' and with the ditches in some areas along the road, should be able to handle the drainage.

**Hoggatt** asked if the 4-lane was built, could the road be expanded to 5-lane at a later date, if needed. **Janzen** said yes, they were planning to handle that option as right-of-way is acquired and sidewalk locations are planned.

**Council Member Martz** asked why a 3-lane is the preferred option to which **Armour** said that the projected traffic count for the year 2030 is 8,000 vehicles per day (vpd), as calculated by John Schlegel, Director of Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Department. **Council Member Martz** stated that information reported in the newest publication of *2006 Development Trends Report* stated that 23.7% of the building activity was in the northwest part of the city while 15.9% was in the northeast. **Hoggatt** asked what the current counts are for 119<sup>th</sup> Street to which **Armour** said probably 8,000-9,000 vpd south of Central.

**Bulman** asked if the project to straighten Central between 119<sup>th</sup> & 135<sup>th</sup> would tie into this project. **Janzen** said it would and **Armour** added the City was still working to get past any last issues. **Bulman** remarked that it seemed there was good traffic flow east & west but improvement is needed for north & south.

**Council Member Martz** then asked the public for their comments:

- **Lori Marceau, 431 N. 135<sup>th</sup> West**, said she was opposed to the project as presented because her property would be most affected with the plan calling for 25 feet of her property to be acquired. This portion of her property also included some old trees.

- **Dallas Keller, 135 W. Rolling Hills**, asked for assurance that the improvement would handle the drainage. Stone said the drainage pattern would not be changed.
- **Jan Nuckolls, 326 Saddle Circle**, asked if right-turn lanes were included; presenters said yes.
- **Kerri Keller, 135 W. Rolling Hills**, said she was opposed to the project because she worried about the safety of her children with the improvement planned close to the existing wall of the housing addition on the east side. She also asked why building projects for the City often occurred at the same time, causing conflict. She cited the improvements to 119<sup>th</sup> and to Maple & Kellogg.
- **Jim Bonnell Sr., 306 N. Angela Circle**, stated that he thought 3 lanes was adequate.
- A resident of Highland Springs Street said a 5-lane is okay. She also asked how far the road would be from the existing wall. Presenters said the west right of way would be 13.5 feet from the road and the east right of way would be 25.5 feet from the road. Some of that would be private easement for utilities and utility poles. The resident said that she was surprised by the project because no one knew about the plan to do this until they received the recent letter about this meeting.
- **Randy Putnam, 13624 W. Highland Springs Court**, said he favored the 3-lane option.
- **John Whittel, 324 N. Angela Circle**, said he favored the 3 lane option but also asked if any crosswalks were planned to cross 135<sup>th</sup>. **Janzen** said yes, at Maple & Central.
- **Larry Moeller, 302 Racehorse**, said he thought the 5-lane option was best due to growth & increased traffic and asked how the landscaping would be handled. **Stone** said it would be similar to Maple and the existing trees would remain wherever possible. **Janzen** said that trees would also be added and the landscape design plan would go to the Art Design Council for approval. **Armour** added that the Council has directed that less landscaping be included in street improvement plans due to the increased workload for Park to maintain.
- **John Schafers, 319 N. Racehorse**, said he preferred the 5-lane because it's better to spend more money now due to increased cost and construction issues.
- **Rick Kampschroeder, 115 N. Angela**, said that if all factors were accounted for including straightening Central, the new YMCA, & potential for a traffic light at Kellogg, he would support the project.
- **Vickie Heimerman-Kampschroeder, 115 N. Angela**, stated that it seemed like traffic had increased in the last five years. Due to that, five lanes were needed to reduce the risk of accidents and make it easier for Police to patrol. In addition, all of the lots in their addition are not yet developed with homes yet which will eventually happen and increase traffic. She said that she had concerns for the safety of her children, too, but five lanes are needed. She also said that the drainage flow to handle heavy rains is important.
- **Bryan Frye, 309 Ridgeport**, said he was not clear on the federal funding being available. Janzen explained that the money would be available late 2008 for use in 2009.

**Kelly Carpenter, Finance Director**, noted that citizens need to familiarize themselves with the Capital Improvement Program that is posted on the city's website as it provides a 10-year plan and funding details for city projects such as this one. She encouraged everyone to access it and view the plan.

- A **resident** said the traffic count is related directly to the number of homes in the area. With a higher home density existing in the north portion of this project, it is best to plan for future growth.
- Another **resident** asked what could be done to fix the road now. **Armour** said that Engineering staff are visiting with Public Works Maintenance Division to rehabilitate to last 2009. They are also working with construction companies to route their truck north of the area and have posted signs limiting access to 5-ton trucks although this has not slowed the vehicles that much.

Council Member Martz returned the item to the Board for final discussion. Dennis said he was concerned about future issues for widening. Hoggatt expressed concerns on how realistic it would be for 8,000 vpd to be projected for 135<sup>th</sup> in 2030 when 119<sup>th</sup> Street from Maple to Kellogg is currently 8,000. Armour said that 119<sup>th</sup> has about 9,000 vpd south of Central with probably 7,000 for the remainder north.

Sullivan asked the speed limit for a 3-lane vs. a 5-lane. Armour said maybe 35 miles per hour (mph) for 3 lanes and 45 mph for 5 lanes although it could be 40 mph for both. She asked how the 5-lane affected the accident rate to which Armour said their information shows a 40% decrease when left-turn lanes are separate. He said in the situation of 3 lanes with center turn lane vs. 5 lanes with center turn lanes, the accident rate isn't much difference.

Sullivan also asked what improvements are planned for 151<sup>st</sup> Street. Armour stated that improvements for 151<sup>st</sup> Street from Kellogg to Maple are in the CIP for 2012. He said 167<sup>th</sup> Street, which goes into Colwich, carries a lot of traffic and Maize does also.

Dennis said he had two concerns—the Marceau property and drainage. He also said that a five-lane made more sense to him. **Dennis (Hoggatt)** then moved to recommend the five-lane, Design Option B. Motion passed 6-0. **Council Member Martz** stated that any concerns about drainage would be satisfied before the Council takes action in August.

**Action: Recommended approval of Option A for a five-lane.**

#### **Central & Tyler Intersection Improvement**

**Gary Janzen, Public Works**, presented a project from the 2005-2014 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as adopted by the City Council to improve the intersection of Central & Tyler. He introduced **Jeff Bradley and Tim Aziere, Baughman Company**, the city's design contractor for the project. **Janzen** explained that the intersection needs two left-turn lanes on all four approaches according to current traffic counts. In addition to the turn lanes, drainage improvements will be made, sidewalks will be reconstructed, and traffic signals will be moved out of the medians to four corners of the intersection. Construction is scheduled for fall of 2007; one lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained at all times during construction.

A **citizen** commented that that he thought a big part of the problem was the timing of the signals. **Bradley** responded that with more lanes, the signal time would be reduced. Some discussion continued about the signals and turn lanes.

**Alvin Neville, speaking for Neville Family Trust**, said the family had two comments they'd like considered for the project: (1) Parking issues exist for the northwest corner where businesses exists and the family is concerned about losing parking spaces; and (2) The family prefers that construction occur during the summer.

**Johnson (Sullivan)** moved to recommend approval for the project. Motion passed 5-0.

**Action: Recommended approval of the project.**

#### **Proposed City Budget**

Kelly Carpenter, Finance Director, presented an overview of the proposed 2007/2008 General Budget. She explained the approach used this year of organizing the budget around goals areas that were adopted by the City Council in January rather by department as in the past. Each goal is divided into services provided by the City and each service provides meaningful results that relate to the goals areas. The five goals include: (1) Provide a Safe & Secure Community; (2) Promote Economic Vitality & Affordable Living; (3) Ensure Efficient Infrastructure; (4) Enhance the Quality of Life; and (5) Support a Dynamic Core Area and Vibrant Neighborhoods.

Strategy teams for each goal and comprised of staff from all departments reviewed services provided by the department and made recommendations to Council for priority service plans. The recommendations were presented to Council and Finance staff then finalized revenue projections and prepared the budget. Carpenter

presented a power point presentation, which highlighted the results for each goal area as well as the total budget and the general fund by goal.

The 2007 Annual Budget is scheduled for adoption by the City Council on August 8, 2006. After the adopting, staff will develop a “balanced scorecard” to outline goal of the City and the relative indicators. In addition, a “report card” will be developed to summarize the expected level of results. The report card will provide feedback to the City Council about whether the projected level of results is being obtained.

A 2007-2008 Proposed Budget In Brief was given to each Board Member for more detail about the proposed budget. Carpenter also noted that the budget document is available in the public libraries, on the city’s website ([www.wichita.gov](http://www.wichita.gov)), and in the Finance Department on 12<sup>th</sup> Floor of City Hall. She asked that the Board Members and the public provide input on the proposed budget any time before August 1<sup>st</sup> to the Finance staff, the Council Member, or the Neighborhood Assistant.

Questions included (1) where would the extra funding come from that would be needed for increases to which Carpenter said the funding would come from franchise fees, increased assessed values (by 6.7%), and planned saving (from employees in higher positions retiring or leaving and new employees starting at lower salaries, lapsed salaries until new staff is hired, & contract dates that occur later than planned).

**No action taken.**

#### **Public Agenda**

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for citizens to present items not shown as part of the regular meeting agenda. However, no items were scheduled or off-agenda items presented.

**No action taken.**

#### **Board Agenda**

##### **Updates, Issues, and Reports**

Report on activities, events, or concerns in the neighborhoods and/or District V.

**Council Member Martz** stated that everyone should review the *2006 Development Trends Report* (<http://www.wichita.gov/CityOffices/Planning/AdvancedPlans/Comprehensive/2006DevelopmentTrendsReport.htm>) recently published by the Metropolitan Area Planning Department for some very interesting and current information. He noted one such piece of information was the building activity for the city, showing the two areas with the most building activity are the northeast with 15% of the total activity and northwest areas with 23.7% of the total activity.

The Council Member also reminded everyone about the meeting on the design study for I-235 intersections of Kellogg and Central. He said that a City review of the current situation at Central indicated a solution that would be proposed to the KDOT & the State’s design contractor, TranSystems. Council Member Martz showed pictures and explained how the sidewalk could be moved to the outside pillar to allow space for an additional lane on each side, making it a 3-lane street in both directions. He said the \$16 million available would cover the study and some construction but not all. However, a sidewalk could be built for \$3 million, making the option favorable for moving the sidewalks to add the extra lanes.

**No action taken.**

With no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

The next meeting for District Advisory Board V will be scheduled at Auburn Hills Clubhouse at **7:00 p.m. on August 7, 2006**, the first Monday of the month.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Brown, Neighborhood Assistant  
City Council District V

**Guests**

Jim Bonnell Sr., 306 N. Angelo Cir. 67235  
Janet Bonnell, 306 N. Angelo Cir. 67235  
Rick Nuckolls, 326 Saddle Cir.  
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Dallas Keller, 135 W. Rolling Hills, 67235  
Kerri Keller, 135 W. Rolling Hills, 67235  
Denise Jacobs, 13623 Highland, 67235  
Ernie Jacobs, 13623 Highland, 67235  
Lori Marceau, 431 N. 135<sup>th</sup> West, 67235  
Duane Orr, 13608 Highland Springs Ct.  
Lupe Orr, 13608 Highland Springs Ct.  
Randy Putnam, 13624 W. Highland Springs Ct.  
Judy Putnam, 13624 W. Highland Springs Ct.  
Bryan Frye, 3109 Ridge Port  
John Whittet, 324 N. Angel Cir.  
Larry Moyer, 302 N. Racehorse, 67235  
John Schafers, 319 N. Racehorse, 67235  
Geoff Graves, 10916 W. Esthner, 67209  
Rick Kampschroeder, 115 N. Angela, 67255  
Vickie Heimerman-Kampschroeder, 115 N. Angela, 67255  
Lisa Hamill, 8558 W. 21<sup>st</sup>, 67205  
Roxann Zeigler, 1086 E. 20<sup>th</sup>, 67152  
Brad McLain, 1086 E. 20<sup>th</sup>, 67152  
Neville Family Trust, 9625 W. Maple, 67209